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Yau Ma Tei	6.50	9.25	10.39	11.49	12.09	1.24	4.44	6.08
Shatin	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.01	12.21	1.36	4.56	6.20
Tai Po	7.18	9.49	11.04	12.14	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.33
Tai Po Market	7.31	9.53	11.18	12.28	12.48	1.53	5.13	6.37
Fanning	7.39	10.03	11.26	12.36	12.56	2.03	5.23	6.45
Shengshui	7.56	10.07	11.43	12.53	13.13	2.13	5.33	6.55
Shumshu	7.59	10.13	11.46	12.56	13.16	2.16	5.36	6.58

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Kowloon	6.40	9.15	10.30	11.40	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.59
Yau Ma Tei	6.50	9.25	10.39	11.49	12.09	1.24	4.44	6.08
Shatin	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.01	12.21	1.36	4.56	6.20
Tai Po	7.18	9.49	11.04	12.14	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.33
Tai Po Market	7.31	9.53	11.18	12.28	12.48	1.53	5.13	6.37
Fanning	7.39	10.03	11.26	12.36	12.56	2.03	5.23	6.45
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Tai Po	7.18	9.49			
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## WU PEI FU AND CANTON. THE POSITION IN HUNAN.

WILL THE KUOMINTANG EXPEDITION  
MATERIALISE.

[ASIATIC NEWS SERVICE.]

PEKING, April 28th.  
A despatch from Changsha indicates that the scale of fortune is turning in favour of Marshal Wu Pei Fu, General Tang Sheng Tze, the new Tapan of Hunan, has undertaken to recognize Wu Pei Fu as his superior by placing Hunan under his orders and he also agreed to discontinue his relations with the Kuomintang Government at Canton, provided he is allowed to retain his Tapan-ship at Changsha.

Marshal Wu Pei Fu, however, replied to this offer by the appointment of General Yeh Kai Ching and General Peng Shou Hsin as Tapan and Shengchang of Hunan respectively, and in order to clear his rear from any danger of hostile attack after his departure for the North, Wu Pei Fu has ordered Generals Yeh and Peng to push on from Yochow to Changsha with a view to conquering the whole province.

In this connection, another despatch from Changsha claims that the Kuomintang Government at Canton is sending General Tan Yen Kai to head an expedition to Hunan for the relief of General Tang Sheng Tze.

PEKING, April 30th.  
In reply to the latest telegram of the Committee of Public Safety urging the Mukden and Hankow warlords to come up to Peking for the final solution of the Chinese situation, Marshal Chang Tso Lin says that he will come to the metropolis as soon as Wu Pei Fu officially announces his departure from Hankow. But up to the present, Wu Pei Fu is still at Hankow, and owing to the unstable conditions in Hunan, fighting is in full swing in Hunan and Wu Pei Fu's movements depend entirely on the outcome of the struggle around Changsha. General Chi Hsieh Yuan will remain in Peking indefinitely.

## WU PEI FU'S ANGER AROUSED.

HANKOW, April 28th.  
There was an unhappy ending to the reception given by Marshal Wu Pei Fu to a number of the so-called constitutional Senators and Representatives at his headquarters last evening. It appears that during a conversation on the Chinese situation, some parliamentarians proposed that instead of Tsao Kuo, Marshal Wu Pei Fu should be elected to the presidential chair. Hearing this, Marshal Wu angrily declared to his guests "I would suffer extermination by Heaven and Earth if I entertain any such ambitious idea for self aggrandizement." The ex-warlord of Loyang threatened to execute anybody who dared to utter such nonsense again.

## GOLD GALORE.

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### GREAT FIND IN PANAMA.

An expedition, backed by Lieut.-Col. Solly Joel, the South African millionaire, and Sir Alfred Mond, M.P., and his son, Mr. Henry Mond, wealthy owners of Welsh coal mines, has discovered a gold reef in Panama which is alleged to be bigger than the Rand, and has secured concessions for an Anglo-Dominion syndicate.

### WILL ASTONISH WORLD.

Interview by a representative of the Daily News, Mr. Henry Mond said: "The expedition included Mr. Calderwood, an engineer with great experience in Central America, whose report indicates that a great goldfield, which some of us always believed existed in Old Panama, has been located. The world will be astonished when the full story is told in a few days."

The Daily News adds: "Mr. Calderwood suffered great privations. Guided by natives, he passed old Indian workings, and saw gold-bearing reefs stretching to the horizon. He must have smiled at the puny efforts of the diggers of pre-Columbian days."

The Balkan correspondent of The Times states that, although it is known that the New Zealand, Mr. Calderwood, obtained extensive gold-mining concessions in Panama in 1925, the announcement by Sir Alfred Mond, M.P., of surprising gold discoveries, is locally believed to be an exaggeration.

## A CANTON MESSAGE TO THE BRITISH MINERS.

### A TYPICAL DISPATCH.

The Trades Union Congress in Great Britain have refused a cheque from Moscow. It will be interesting to see what reply, if any, is given to the cable of sympathy sent by the Chairman of the Canton-Hongkong Strike Committee. The cable, which is addressed to the Miners' Trade Union, London, and is signed by Sou Chou Ging, Chairman, Canton-Hongkong Strike Committee is as follows:—  
"After the Great War, the bourgeoisie have thrown off their masks, and recklessly exploit us, the proletariat. We believe that your present strike against exploitation is not only a fight for the interests of the minority of workers, but a fight in the foremost rank for the proletariat of the whole world. As we are engaged in the same struggle, we are your sincere sympathisers. Hoping therefore you will fight to the last, we wish you every success."

## GAOL FOR OXFORD-STREET DOCTOR.

### MORPHINE SUPPLIES TO A WOMAN PATIENT.

### DELETERIOUS PRACTICE AMONG ADDICTS.

Sentence of six months' imprisonment in the Second Division, and a fine of £200, was imposed at Marlborough Street Court on Dr. Samuel Grahame Connor, of Hydon, Cambridgeshire, Oxford Street. Notice of appeal was given.  
He was summoned under the Dangerous Drugs Act (1920) for, on three occasions, failing to enter in a register a certain quantity—58 grains—of morphine purchased by him; also there was a fourth summons for failing, in prescribing for morphine, to specify the address of the person.  
Mr. Vincent Evans prosecuted, and Mr. Cyril Asquith appeared for the defendant.

Dr. Connor was seen further by Inspector Burnby and produced a day book. From this it was ascertained that he had prescribed for Miss Young 375 grains of morphine on 13 occasions but had actually seen her only six times.  
According to the inspector, continued Mr. Evans, he asked Dr. Connor what he charged and received the reply that he paid the chemists' bill and never made out an account, because they were too much bothered, and the patients paid him what they liked. Recently he had received £8 from her, which for six visits would work out as just over a guinea a visit.  
With regard to the other summonses, said Mr. Evans, Dr. Connor had also been supplying prepared prescriptions in connection with a Miss Bucknall.  
The Magistrate: Are the persons he has supplied addicts? Have they fallen into disaster through taking drugs?  
Mr. Asquith (for the defence): Yes.

Mr. Evans said both women were getting supplies of drugs from other doctors at the same time as they were getting it from Dr. Connor.  
The Magistrate: He was assisting in the destruction of these people were placing upon themselves?  
Mr. Evans: He had not seen Miss Young except at irregular intervals. He was continuing to do this while they were being attended by another doctor.  
Detective-Inspector Burnby, said that Dr. Connor had been in practice for about 20 years in London.  
The Magistrate: Has he a general practice, or is he a specialist in this sort of case?—He is a specialist in these cases. Quite a large number of drug addicts known to the police are treated by him.  
In passing sentence, Mr. Cancellor said that Dr. Connor had been making a practice of treating people whom he knew to be addicted to drugs and doing them harm. He was a man of high standing and had ample warning from the police he had disregarded all regulations and had been carrying on a most deleterious practice to his miserable patients.

## "GIVE UP YOUR MONEY." BARONET CHALLENGES SON.

### A TITLED SOCIALIST.

Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart., in a letter to the Daily Mail, in connection with statements that his son Oswald, a former member of the House of Commons, and his daughter-in-law, Lady Cynthia, desired to relinquish their titles, said:—  
"It would be more valuable to the country if my Socialist son and daughter-in-law, instead of achieving cheap publicity about relinquishing titles, relinquished some of their wealth, thereby lightening the burden of some of their unfortunate followers."

The Daily Mail points out that Lady Cynthia benefited under her millionaire grandfather's will, and received £20,000 as a bequest from grandmother.

"SILLIER THAN USUAL."  
My father's suggestion is entirely farcical, said Oswald Mosley, in a vigorously reply to the foregoing challenge.

It is far better to utilise the means we have, as my wife and I are doing, to advance Labour's cause, on which we are spending a deal of money. The story about our wealth and my heirship to thousands of acres is fantastic. I am determined to remain known as plain Mr. Mosley. I prefer not to discuss my father. We do not meet now. This is not our most serious dispute.

Lady Cynthia declared that the challenge is "a sillier stunt than usual."  
"It does not interest me," she said. "I am too concerned about really serious affairs."

FATHER'S BITTERNESS.  
"I'm intensely proud of my title, which was created in 1599," says Sir Oswald Mosley, in further reply. "If Oswald relinquishes it, I hope my grandson will carry it on. Oswald was born with a golden spoon in his mouth and brought up on the fat of the land. His present attitude is hypocritical. I did hope, he would remain staunch to his King and country."

Lady Cynthia Mosley, who is 24 years of age, is the second of the three daughters of the late Marquess Curzon of Kedleston and his first wife, Mary Victoria, who was a daughter of L. Z. Leiter, of Washington (D.C.). Lady Cynthia is the heiress-presumptive of her elder sister, Baroness Ravensdale.

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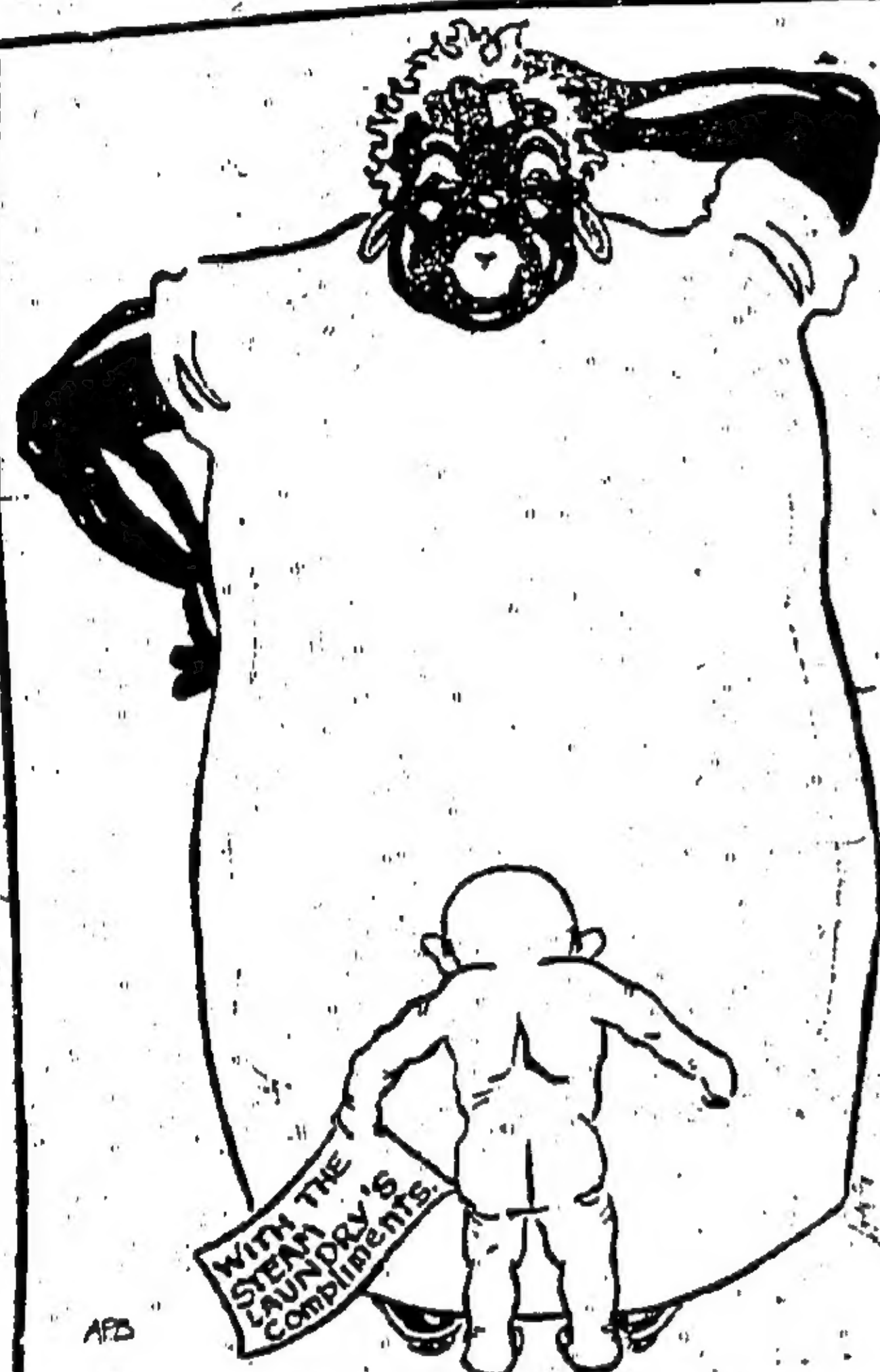
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## REPORTING FEMININE FASHIONS. THE DIRE RESULTS OF THE MISQUOTED DRAPERY.

It appears that no error is more represented by the feminine world at large than that of inaccuracy in describing feminine apparel. An account of a tennis match for women, a soprano's operatic debut, a runaway marriage, any activity of a woman that gets her into print, may be horribly garbled without calling down the wrathful protests of the lady if only her taste in dress is not aspersed.

One may say that the tennis player has a bad forehead stroke, that she is in danger of losing her amateur standing, that she is engaged to marry a man whom she may never have seen, and she remains quiet and contented; but to say that she plays in a straightline gown of beige crepe when in reality she wears a pleated white pique, is no less than slanderous in her eyes. What would happen should her Paris frocks be called robes de style if they are actually headed sheaths? It is much less galling to a woman to be misquoted in any of the intimate details of her matrimonial venture than to read that she set out on her honeymoon wearing a red coat and an orange hat.

In these days of fashion openings and style shows, clothing for women seems more important than when the yardage was greater. Ladies must dress, and descriptions must have a scientific accuracy to satisfy them. Scandal and rumour may be freely set down for the public without too much objection, from the heroine of the story; her spirit remains powerful under almost any attack if she knows her clothes will not be libelled. It was a woman who once said that the consciousness of being well dressed gives a sense of tranquillity which even religion is powerless to bestow. The practical inference is that a department of dressmaking should be added to schools of journalism.

## COLONIAL COUNCILS. TWO MOVEMENTS FOR ABOLITION.

The proposals of the Premiers of New South Wales and Nova Scotia to abolish the Legislative Council, or Upper Chamber, in their respective States are being followed with considerable interest, writes a correspondent of the London *Observer*. The circumstances of the two cases are different.

In New South Wales at the general election last year, the Labour Party obtained a majority of two over all other parties in the Legislative Assembly, or Lower Chamber, with the result that they came into office. Not only, however, was their majority narrow, but they encountered opposition in the Legislative Council, a nominated body of eleven members appointed for life, half their term decided upon its abolition. But as that required the consent of the Council itself, difficulty arose. The are, however, no legal means of adjusting such differences except by the addition of as many members to the Council as the Governor thinks fit. In these circumstances the Labour Party, through their Premier, Mr. Lang, requested the Governor, Sir Dudley de Chair, to nominate first thirty-five and then twenty-five new members, so that the Legislative Council Abolition Bill might be passed. After some demur the Governor, under protest, agreed to appoint twenty-five, indicating that in doing so he accepted the advice of Ministers and the Attorney-General. Thus augmented, the Council in January passed the first reading of the Bill for its own abolition by forty-five votes to forty-three. Then, however, it became probable that the second reading would not be carried, and Parliament was in consequence prorogued. On reassembly a motion to restore the Bill was defeated in the Legislative Council by forty-seven votes to forty-one. As a result the suggestion was made that the appointment of more members should be demanded; but apparently the course decided upon is a visit by the Attorney-General of the State, Mr. McTiernan, to London to confer with the Dominion Office and the Secretary of State.

It is important, however, to distinguish between the Australian State and the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth Government represents the collective voice of Australia, especially on Empire questions. New South Wales is concerned with its own State affairs, and the proposed change in respect of the Council, if made, would be purely local. Until lately each of the six States of the Commonwealth had both a Legislative Council and a Legislative Assembly, members of the latter being elected for three years. In the case of South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, and Western Australia, members of the Legislative Council are elected for six years; while in New South Wales and Queensland they have been nominated for life. In 1923 Queensland secured the abolition of its nominated Legislative Council, and now New South Wales is endeavouring to follow suit.

With regard to Canada, the Provinces of Quebec and Nova Scotia also have Legislative Councils, whose members are nominated for life. In Nova Scotia, where the nomination is by the Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Rhodes, the Premier, is making a determined effort to obtain the appointment of twenty-two additional members in order to secure the abolition of the Council. The Lieutenant Governor apparently agrees; but a Federal Order in Council has been issued instructing him not to approve, it being held that the Nova Scotia Government has no power to appoint twenty-two new members for the purpose in view. The principle involved is therefore different from that in New South Wales, and in neither case is the end in sight.

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## NEW TYPE OF PRISON INMATE. CONVICTS WHO WANT ASPIRIN.

Interesting details of the changes in prison conditions in the matter of the treatment of prisoners and of the attitude of prisoners to the methods of the authorities are contained in the Report of the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons for 1924-25, issued last month as a White Paper. There is a tendency to a slow decline in the prison population, attributable mainly to probation and the allowance of time in which to pay fines.

"The change in the attitude of the authorities towards the prisoners," it is pointed out, "has had its natural effect on that of the prisoners towards the authorities. The prisoner understands that, while discipline is fully maintained, he is being subjected to a scheme of training which has been devised for his benefit, and that the governors and officers with whom he has friends and not enemies. Most prisoners now consider the man who misconducts himself and resists authority as a nuisance, instead of regarding him as a hero as used to be the case."

Referring to improvements in the general treatment of prisoners, the report states that the new pattern clothing for men prisoners is now in use at nine prisons, and new cell furniture and equipment in whole or in part at eight. Aluminium eating utensils will be installed in place of the old dinner tin as funds allow. At 13 prisons the star and second division prisoners now dine in association. "The results," it is stated, "are good. Public opinion among prisoners of this class maintains a decent tone of conversation, while eating at a common table with ordinary arrangements, instead of alone in a cell, promotes self-respect."

**THE EDUCATED BILL SIKES**  
A glance at the detailed reports of the prison governors discloses some interesting facts. For instance, the Governor of Dartmoor Prison observes: "The present day convict is far better educated than his confrere of olden days, but he is softer and more apt to whine over trifles. Assaults are almost unknown, but 'petitions' are becoming a cult. Neurasthenia and nervous breakdowns were never heard of; now they are almost fashionable, and applications for aspirin, sleeping draughts, and nerve tonics are becoming more and more frequent."

"The system of serving out sentences of imprisonment, or probation orders, with no regard to the psychology of the subjects thereof, seems to be quite antiquated," declares the Medical Officer of Birmingham Prison, who suggests that no sentence of imprisonment should be awarded, or any other order of court made, without due attention being paid to the findings of an adequate medical examination.

"The baleful effects of 'encephalitis lethargica' are referred to by the Medical Officer of Brixton Prison, who says: 'We have had during the year one or two post-encephalitic delinquents in their mental characteristics. These cases are apparently hopeless, and it is feared that their number will increase unless some method of curing, or protecting against, encephalitis lethargica is discovered.'"

Cardiff Prison Governor declares that the younger prisoners received are to a great extent the product of current economic conditions. "The present state of unemployment and housing produces a heavy toll of young prisoners, and the need of more social effort by organizations reaching youths leaving school was never greater than the present," he adds. On the other hand, the Governor of Durham Prison comments upon the prevalence of juvenile crime committed not under pressure of hard times and starvation, but from idleness and lack of any moral standard. "The unemployed boy of to-day will be the unemployable man and criminal of to-morrow."

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**SENTENCES IN FORGERY CASE.**

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Sir Henry Gollan (the Chief Justice) passed sentence at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, on Au Kim Lui and Lam Fook Chiu, the two Chinese who were found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the Wing On Bank of \$50,000.

In passing sentence His Lordship said: After a patient and prolonged hearing the Jury have found the first prisoner guilty on all counts (six) of the indictment. The second prisoner has been found guilty on three counts. The facts which were proved at the trial are common to both men, and I propose to deal with them as if they committed the same offence. The sentence on the first prisoner is three years with hard labour on each count, the sentences to run concurrently. The sentence on the second prisoner is three years' hard labour on each count, these sentences also to run concurrently.

**PROSECUTION'S APPLICATION.**  
Mr. Jenkin asked leave to refer his Lordship to certain sections of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance whereby the Court was given the power to award costs against any person convicted of an indictable offence in the same manner as in any civil action.

The proceedings, he said, had entailed enormous expense on the Wing On Co., and he asked His Lordship to add to the sentence an order for the payment of part of the costs of the prosecution. The costs of the Wing On Co. which had already been paid, had exceeded \$10,000.

**UNPRECEDENTED.**  
Mr. Alabaster rose and said that the application was unprecedented. Both he and the other Counsel had been practising in the Court for a large number of years, and such an application had never before been made to their knowledge. His Lordship said that the Court had power to grant the application. He thought that in such a case as this persons in the position of prisoners should be made to pay the expenses incurred by reason of their conduct.

Mr. Alabaster replied that the law officers of the Crown had not undertaken to function in the present. It was a civil action which had been turned into criminal procedure. The defence had not the unlimited resources which the prosecution had to fight the case. The latter could afford the enormous costs incurred. He repeated that the application by the prosecution was unprecedented. Moreover, the defendants had not the remedies which they would possess in England where the law would enable them to go further with the case. The prosecution had incurred enormous expense by the methods they had adopted. They had armed themselves with more Counsel than the defendants could afford, and now they were asking for an entirely unprecedented order. The Court had power to grant it, but it was rarely exercised, and certainly it had never been exercised within their memory.

**AU, A POOR MAN.**

Mr. Zeitlyn pointed out that such an order against the first prisoner would be useless. "His client was a poor man. If the order was made, however, it would serve as a precedent for the future. He did not think that His Lordship should, on a demand made at the present stage of the proceedings, accede to the request of the prosecution."

His Lordship: There is no doubt that the Court has the power to make the order, and I assume that when the legislature gave its sanction for such an order, it must have had in mind the existence of certain cases in which the making of such an order would be right and proper. In this particular case it is quite clear that both the accused have, at some time, been in possession of means. Mr. Zeitlyn has said that if an order is made against his client it would bear no fruit.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Except in so far that it would bear very evil fruit with regard to those dependent on him.

His Lordship: A man should consider all possibilities before he embarks on a case of this kind. The present case appears to me to be one where an order of this kind should be made.

Mr. Zeitlyn pointed out that in fact there was no loss to the Wing On Bank, as the money had not been paid out.

After further discussion, His Lordship awarded the prosecution \$3,000 costs.

Mr. Jenkin asked if it applied to both prisoners.

His Lordship: There is no question of \$3,000 each; the order is made jointly.

**REMOVING A STIGMA.**  
Mr. Jenkin referred to a man mentioned early in the course of the case—Mr. Lai'lan To, a gentleman of some standing in the Colony. He (Mr. Jenkin) would do anything he could to clear away any stigma which might have been attached to him by reason of his association, however slight, with the unfortunate proceedings. This man's name appeared on a \$75,000 cheque drawn on the Man Fat Company, out of which \$50,000 found its way into the Wing On Bank. Mr. Lai was a member of the committee of a well-known Chinese Club in the Colony, and in 1924-25 he was its treasurer. He was obviously a man held in considerable esteem by a large body of Chinese gentlemen in the Colony. He was employed in a firm of which Fok Chang Yuen and his brother were the owners. They had subsidiary businesses, of which the Man Fat Company was only one. For the purpose of having three signatories they directed Mr. Lai to sign his name to certain documents. It was always necessary to get two signatures, and one of the Fok brothers was away from the Colony. Mr. Lai would sign his own name in conjunction with the other partner. That was the only association he had in the case.

Mr. Jenkin further stated that he had thoroughly investigated Mr. Lai's association with Fok, and he was perfectly satisfied that he knew nothing of the purpose for which the cheque was drawn, nor that the money was going into the Wing On Bank.

Mr. Jenkin, concluding, said that he hoped that his statement would clear Mr. Lai of any possible stigma which might be regarded as being attached to him. He felt that as he had addressed himself to His Lordship, and the Press would give full publicity to his statement, that Mr. Lai would be wholly cleared.

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Do., (new)	\$13 nom.
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## THE CHARGE AGAINST MR. S. J. SQUIRE.

CASE FOR PROSECUTION COMPLETED.

DEFENCE TO OPEN TO-DAY.

The prosecution was completed yesterday afternoon at the Central Magistracy, before Major C. Willson, in the case in which Mr. S. J. Squire, of the Hongkong Electric Company, Ltd., is charged with manslaughter, and also with driving in a reckless manner.

At the conclusion of the hearing His Worship adjourned the case until this afternoon when the defence will open.

The outstanding features of yesterday's evidence was the estimate of speed of the two machines, given by a police officer, and the statement regarding the damage done to the motor-cycle.

The case, it will be recalled, is a sequel to the motor-cycle accident involving the death of a Chinese at Causeway Bay terminus on the night of Saturday, April 17th. The Chinese received injuries owing, it is alleged, to Mr. Squire running into him while riding his motor-cycle. The injured man died in the Government Civil Hospital a few hours later.

Chief Inspector W. Kent prosecuted for the Traffic Department, Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask is for the defence; and Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy holds a watching-brief on behalf of the widow and dependents of the deceased Chinese.

## EYE-WITNESSES.

A fifteen years old Chinese boy employed by the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., at the tramway shelter, Causeway Bay, who was an eye-witness of the accident, said the Chinese was squatting on a box outside the shelter when the motor-cycle ran into him. Two other Chinese were standing by him. Two motor-cycles came from the direction of Causeway Bay, but one turned along Caroline Road.

Asked by Inspector Kent if he could estimate the speed of the motor-cycles, witness said he only knew that they were travelling at a very fast speed.

When he saw the motor-cycle coming he ran inside the shelter and on coming out again saw the motor-cycle and the driver lying on the ground. The lamp of the machine was broken and the number plate was also damaged. The wheels did not appear to be damaged.

In answer to Mr. Leask, witness said before finishing his duty at 9.30 he cleared away, with the assistance of another boy, the pool of blood that was near the machine.

In answer to Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, witness said there appeared to have been two persons on the motor-cycle which turned into Caroline Road. The number of the damaged cycle was 59.

Another Chinese boy, who also witnessed the occurrence, gave corroborative evidence.

In answer to Inspector Kent, he said he did not see the two motor-cycles knock into each other when they were coming along the road.

In answer to Mr. Leask, witness said there were only three men outside the shelter with the exception of himself and the previous witness. There were a number of persons inside the shelter.

## SEEN BY POLICE OFFICERS.

Sub-Inspector T. J. Field, in charge of Bay View Police Station, said that about 9.10 p.m. on April 17th he was proceeding in a ricksha, followed by Sergeant Rozesky in another ricksha, from west to east along the Causeway Bay Road. When about 100 yards east of the tramway terminus he saw two motor-cycles approaching. The machines were on the left hand side of the road, and when opposite his ricksha the person on the rear machine, following about ten yards behind the leading machine, swerved to the right to gain the left hand centre of the road. At the same time witness called the attention of Sergeant Rozesky to the speed at which the motor-cycles were travelling.

He could not see the number of either machine or who was driving them. The machine that was leading had a passenger on the back.

## SPEED ESTIMATED.

In answer to Inspector Kent, witness said he had some experience of motor-cycle driving and he estimated the speed at which these machines were travelling to be from 30-40 miles an hour. The rear machine swerved into the centre of the road. The rider gave a shout, but witness did not hear what he said. He thought the rear rider was attempting to pass the front motor-cycle.

When he reached Bay View police station he was informed that there had been an accident.

Cross-examined by Mr. Leask, witness said that it was quite correct that he had been on a bombing raid that evening and was then returning from it. He, however, was not in charge of the bombs found; they were being brought along by a detective. He arrived at Bay View station at 9.15 by the Charge Room clock.

Mr. Leask: At 9.10 you were about 100 yards from the tramway terminus.

Witness: Yes.

How far is Bay View Police Station from the tram terminus?—Just over half a mile.

Coming down that road, just before you saw these two motor-cycles, did you see a push-bicycle?—No.

## "THOSE MAD DEVILS."

Questioned about the speed of the machines, Inspector Field said his attention was so drawn to their speed that he called out to his companion in the other ricksha: "Look at those mad devils! They would like to get hold of their numbers so that I could summon them."

Mr. Leask: Why didn't you?—Witness: I could not; they were going too fast.

Surely, if you had wanted to, you could have stopped your ricksha and got hold of "those mad devils"?—It was absolutely impossible.

Mr. Leask suggested that if the motor-cycles were travelling at the speed stated by witness the accident would have occurred within ten seconds of the machines passing him and added that if Inspector Field had really been keen to get the numbers of the machines he could have done so.

In answer to a further question by Mr. Leask, witness said he could not identify the machines or the riders.

Mr. Leask: How did you estimate the speed?—Witness: I just took their speed as they came along. I formed an opinion as they passed me. I looked around to try and take their number but could not see them.

Mr. Leask: You will agree with me that you cannot estimate the speed of a bicycle approaching you. You can give a guess, but you cannot estimate the speed?

Witness agreed with this.

Mr. Leask: And you still adhere to your opinion that the speed was 30-40 miles an hour?—Witness: Yes.

In answer to Mr. Fitzroy, witness said he did not notice passing any other bicycles.

ATTENTION OCCUPIED WITH BOMBS.

Sergeant Rozesky gave corroborative evidence.

Cross-examined by Mr. Leask, witness admitted that he was carrying some bombs in his ricksha and that his attention was more taken up with the bombs than with anything else. Inspector Field drew his attention to the motor-cycles passing and then he took notice of them for himself.

Mr. Leask: You did not worry to turn around to get their numbers?—Witness: No.

What time did you get to Bay View?—About 9.30.

What is the distance from "Bay View Police Station" to the tram terminus at Causeway Bay?—About 1½ miles. (It will be noticed that Sub-Inspector Field estimated the distance at just over half a mile).

Can you estimate the speed of the cycles?—It was a terrific speed.

In answer to further questions, witness said that he did not notice a push bicycle. In his opinion the second motor-cycle was trying to overtake the first machine. They were close together, but he heard no shouting. If he had turned around he thought it would have been possible for him to have taken the numbers of the motor-cycles, provided the rear number plates had been illuminated, but those rear plates were not illuminated.

Mr. Leask: What another traffic offence?

Inspector Kent explained that in the case of motor-cycles there was no compulsion to have illumination at the rear.

## REPORT MADE.

Sub-Inspector Bloor, who was on duty at No. 2 Police Station on the evening of April 17th, stated that a report of a motor-cycle accident was made to him that evening by Mr. Weston, licensed motor driver of motor-cycle No. 616. He was informed that a Chinese and Mr. Squire had been injured near the Causeway Bay tram terminus.

Witness handed the report made by Mr. Weston in as an exhibit.

## DAMAGE TO MOTOR-CYCLE.

Lance-Sergeant W. T. Robertson, of the Traffic Department, said that on Monday, April 19th, he examined motor-cycle No. 59 which was then in the tramway shelter at Causeway Bay terminus. The rim of the front wheel was broken and badly bent. Two spokes were broken and badly bent. The front mud-guard and number plate were also bent. The front lamp was badly dented and was hanging by the thread of the cable. The right part of the handle-bar was bent inwards about six inches. Two leads to the switch box were broken off, and the gear chain was slightly bent.

It was very difficult to move the gear lever. It was in top gear. The left front foot rest was bent about four inches out of line, and the horn was hanging loose on the handle-bars. The rear lamp was also loose on the frame; while both tyres were punctured and partly off the rims. The machine was later removed to No. 2 Police Station.

Witness said that he took measurements of the road. From the tramway shelter across Yee Wo Street was 49 feet 9 inches, and the width of the pathway outside the shelter was 0 feet 3 inches.

## CROSS-EXAMINATION.

In answer to Mr. Leask, witness said that he had ten years' experience of riding motor-cycles.

Mr. Leask: You can estimate speed and you know sufficient about bicycles to be able to give an opinion about an accident?—Witness: To a certain extent.

Would you say the motor-cycle must have been ridden at an excessive speed to have been damaged in the way it was?—Yes.

His Worship interposed that it was quite possible that a machine would receive damage by falling or being in collision.

In answer to further questions by Mr. Leask, witness said he had been told that the motor-cycle struck the tramway shelter, and it was possible that this could have caused the damage, he saw.

Witness said that he received the report about accident on the Sunday and inspected the machine on the following morning.

Mr. Leask: Could anyone have tampered with the machine from the time of the accident until you saw it?—Witness: The man on duty there had instructions to see that no one interfered with it. When he left duty the shelter would be locked. He did not think anyone would have tampered with the machine.

If that machine was dragged while in top gear is that not liable to cause further buckling to the wheel?—Not at all.

## (Continued on next Column).

## COLONY'S BOY SCOUTS.

FINE DISPLAY GIVEN BEFORE H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

PRESENTATION TO S.M. BRAGA.

Owing to the threatening weather yesterday afternoon, a decision had to be reached by 2.30 p.m. whether to hold the Scouts Rally on Murray Parade Ground, as arranged, or to move to a place where a covered hall would be available. Eventually it was decided to hold the display at the H.K.V.D.C. parade ground, where the drill hall would be available in case of need.

As matters turned out the change of venue was unfortunate as the weather was fine and the Volunteer parade ground proved too small to allow of the original programme being carried out.

Under the circumstances, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, M.A. (Commissioner and Deputy Camp Chief), Colonel T. A. Robertson, O.B.E. (Assistant Commissioner), Mr. A. White (District Scoutmaster in control of the Scouts), the other officers and the troops and packs who took part are to be heartily congratulated upon a most excellent display under very trying conditions.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), the Chief Scout of Hongkong, who was accompanied by Lady Clementi and attended by Captain H. B. L. Downington (Hon. A.D.C.), was met on arrival by Mr. Waldegrave, the Scouts and Wolf Cubs standing at the salute while the opening bars of the National Anthem were played by the band of H.M.S. Dartmouth.

It is of interest to note that the band which was lent for the occasion by kind permission of the Captain and Officers of H.M.S. Dartmouth is composed of volunteer blue-jackets, under the baton of C.P.O. Harman. They proved themselves a most able body of musicians and added much to the afternoon's enjoyment.

The Chief Scout inspected the parade, 450 strong, shaking hands with the officer in charge of each troop.

Then followed displays by various troops and packs, His Excellency evincing the keenest interest in the first aid work of the 13th H.K. Yingwa Troop, under S.M. E. L. O.

Japanese and Japanese fencing by two Scoutmasters of the Japanese Troop won much applause, as did the Highland dancing of the 9th Troop (Taikoo Scottish) under S.M. A. McPhedran, to the accompaniment of Pipe-Major P. D. Wilson of the H.K.V.D.C.

The 8th, 11th and 13th Troops (under S.M. Chak) gave a fine demonstration of bamboo tower construction.

The 2nd Troops (St. Andrew's, Kowloon), under S.M. T. E. Jackson, in their pyramid display, proved themselves thoroughly efficient in a by no means easy task.

The 1st Sea Scouts, under Chief Yeoman of Signals Smith, of H.M.S. Tamar, demonstrated in truly realistic manner how a fleet is manoeuvred, at sea, each scout representing a warship. The lads did wonderfully well under very cramped conditions.

The combined display of fire-fighting (20th Troop), ambulance work (1st Troop), signalling (6th Troop) and use of the cycle-stretcher was also well executed. Mr. Harold Chan, a sub-officer from the Central Fire Station, was well rewarded for the time he has spent on the instruction in fire-fighting. The whole movement from the time the main body formed a wedge to make a passage through the crowd for the fire appliances, until the "injured" were carried away on improvised stretchers slung from three bicycles, was carried out without a hitch.

So realistic was the jumping from the roof of the drill hall into the "sheet" that many of the ladies present could not refrain from screaming.

The Wolf Cubs under Mrs. G. E. Arrow-smith and Miss Fleming (who took the place of Mr. Melville Smith, who was unfortunately taken unwell early in the afternoon) vied with their elder brethren and gave some capital displays during the Rally.

At the conclusion of the displays, the Scouts formed a hollow square while the Chief Scout made the presentations.

The Commissioner (Rev. G. T. Waldegrave) first asked His Excellency to present the Prince of Wales' Banner to the Saiyungpun Troop, who have won it for their work during part of 1924 and in 1925. Mr. Waldegrave stated that competition for the Banner is exceptionally keen. It had been won by Saiyungpun Troop chiefly for their work in the troop.

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Witness admitted that during the Sunday there was no one, apart from the constable on traffic duty, to look after the damaged machine, but he did not think it could have been tampered with during that time sufficiently for any harm to be done.

Witness agreed with Mr. Leask that he could not say that the machine was in the same condition when he saw it on the Monday as it was when it was left in the shelter on the Saturday night.

Witness further admitted that it was possible that the front number plate might have been damaged before this accident.

Witness did not think that the damage to the left foot rest could have been caused by contact with the rear wheel of another machine, proceeding in the same direction.

Mr. Leask: You think the left foot rest caught the shelter?—Witness: Yes.

DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT.

Sub-Inspector C. F. Alexander, Traffic Department, said when he charged and cautioned the defendant, the latter said: "I prefer to say nothing."

Inspector Kent intimated that this closed the case for the prosecution, and it was at this juncture that His Worship adjourned further hearing of the case until this afternoon.

—that is for help boys to pass for 1st and 2nd class badges. A good deal of hard work was entailed in each case. Last year had not been a normal one, and work had been considerably interfered with when the Scouts were doing duty during the Strike. The fact that the Saiyungpun Troop had won the Banner did not signify that they had shirked their duties during the Strike; on the other hand, it emphasised that they had managed to carry on both jobs under great difficulties.

The Chief Scout then handed the Banner to the Troop, speaking a few words of congratulation. The other Scouts came to the salute and gave three cheers for the Saiyungpun Troop as they carried off the Banner.

Then followed the presentation of the Silver Cross to Scoutmaster H. Braga for gallant conduct during the Po. Hing Fong Rescue Work.

The Silver Cross was accompanied by a parchment scroll, which reads:

This certificate is granted to Hugh Braga of the 1st Hongkong (St. Joseph's College) Troop, as evidence that I have awarded him the Silver Cross in recognition of his gallant conduct in rescuing a young girl from the ruins of a collapsed house in Hongkong, on July 18th, 1925.

(Sgd.) ROBERT BADEN POWELL, Chief Scout.

After His Excellency had pinned the Silver Cross on Mr. Braga's breast, the Scouts gave three cheers, in which the spectators joined.

Lotters of Commendation were presented to Kwok Mok Hei, of the 13th Troop, and to Kow Chan of the 1st Troop, for good services rendered.

The former had rendered first aid on two occasions in January, once to a wounded man, and once to an injured lad. Two boys, who had assisted him, were also mentioned.

Kow Chan's commendation was for good services rendered on behalf of the public health.

Seeing the door closed and joss-sticks burning daily outside a certain house, he used his Scout sense to ascertain what was behind the closed door and was able to report "a hidden case of small-pox," thereby possibly preventing an epidemic.

Messrs. Ernest Zimmers and Ho Pak Ping then "took the promise" and received certificates as Assistant Scoutmasters.

COMMISSIONER'S SPEECH.

The Commissioner (Rev. G. T. Waldegrave), in addressing the Chief Scout, said in part:—

Though the opportunity of extending the welcome of the Scouts of Hongkong to Your Excellency and Lady Clementi has been delayed, it is none the less warm for that, more especially as before your arrival we had heard of your keen interest in the welfare of the movement.

In Ceylon, an interest of which you have already given us no uncertain evidence. We have tried this afternoon to show you and our other friends something of what Scouts can do, and we hope that you understand that the training gear far deeper than this, and that this display is a mere nothing compared with the whole range covered by Scouting.

Circumstances have from time to time, and more especially of late, given Hongkong Scouts opportunities to test the value of the training, and we know that it is your wish as it is ours that this training should be more widely extended in the Colony. Great strides towards this end have recently been made.

Our Headquarters is a going concern, though more has yet to be done there before we can say that it is completely fitted out for the purpose for which it is intended—not only an office but also a Club and a training centre. We are also engaged in organising a strong Council with a view to incorporating the Association locally and to safeguarding the uniform and badges. Then we have before us the important work of developing ground in Junk Bay for Training Camp purposes, the importance of this lying in the fact that the greatest capable of and willing to give up the necessary time. That a man knows nothing about Scouting need be no deterrent, we all started in the same state of ignorance and had to learn by experience, but this training camp when properly organised with periodical courses both written and practical will go a long way towards relieving both present and prospective officers of that disability.

Like everyone and everything else we need increased financial support, but may I conclude by repeating our oft made appeal for officers and yet more officers, assuring any concerned that any self denial made will prove its worth over and over again.

CHIEF SCOUT'S ADDRESS.

His Excellency then addressed the Commissioner and the Scouts and Wolf Cubs. The Chief Scout congratulated them very sincerely on the display they had given. He said that it had been very good, but he looked for a steady improvement in efficiency and an increase in numbers. He trusted they would all continue their keen interest in scouting and continue to show that fine spirit with which they had met the challenge of Bolshevism last year and that in future the Colony would hear no more of school strikes. The Boy Scouts now formed a World Brotherhood, and His Excellency charged them to see that this Brotherhood was continued in after years.

In conclusion, the Chief Scout pledged his support in every matter in which he could be of assistance.

The signing of the National Anthem and cheers for the Chief Scout with "hats on staves" brought proceedings to a close.

Among the large gathering present the Girl Guides and Brownies were much in evidence.

Colonel Robertson was in charge of the seating arrangements and D.S.M. White (Hon. Secretary) in control of the Scouts. The sudden change of programme naturally threw an extra amount of labour on their shoulders which, however, following the example of the Commissioner, they looked upon as "all in the day's work."



## TEA FOR TWO, MISS!

## A NEW MOVE IN CHINESE RESTAURANTS.

## WAITRESSES TAKING THE PLACE OF MEN.

The unemployed waiters in Hongkong have been endeavouring to create a fuss because they find their places being taken by attractive young Chinese waitresses. Some of them have even tried to enlist the support of the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs. They want the Government to advise the tea house proprietors to stop employing these girls.

In order to get to the root of the trouble a representative of the *Daily Press* paid a visit to the Kung Kung tea house, near the Western market yesterday and had a heart to heart talk with Miss Ah Chen, one of the waitresses there. Miss Ah Chen seems to be popular with her associates as well as with the patrons of the house, and she certainly knows what she is talking about. The only difficulty was that her colleagues took the greatest interest in the interview. They crowded round—although, in the circumstances it seems a little ungalant to say so—and all wanted to take part in the discussion at the same time.

It appears that the men were never so attentive to the wants of the customers or so submissive as their sisters in the trade. Moreover, it was claimed that the waitresses had not broken in a month as many pieces of China as the waiters broke each week. And this fact had to be confirmed by a stern visaged *fuhi* who stood near by very ready it seemed to discount the waitresses' story if they allowed their imagination too much play.

But, Ah Chen, some say you flirt too much! This was the suggestion somewhat shyly made by the *Daily Press* reporter. He scarcely liked bringing forward such a delicate topic but he was determined to get at the truth.

Ah Chen, however, was severely practical. There is very little time for the waitresses to flirt, even if we so desired, between 12 and 12.30, she replied. And after 1.30 we have to assist in the kitchen in removing the shells from the shrimps which are used in such large quantities for making *Dim Sum*.

"We did not ask the waiters to leave employment," said a tea house owner. "They left us on their own account last June and some of our shops had to close as a consequence. No sensible person would deny women the privilege of earning their own living."

To sum up, although some waitresses may have abused their position there seems little doubt that the majority have given the public satisfaction. Their cleanliness both in dress and habits are appreciated and the impression is that they have come to stay.

The question is one that is attracting a considerable amount of attention in the Chinese community, and a fair amount of space is devoted to it in the Chinese Press. The *China Star*, a vernacular paper that made its first appearance on May 12th devoted a column to the subject and reproduced a photograph of Miss Lo Wai Fong, a waitress, in the middle of its front page. What would the mandarins of the old regime say? *Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illa.*

## SCARED OFF BY FINGER BITE.

## TEACHER'S METHOD OF DISPOSING OF ARMED MEN.

An effective method of disposing of would be robbers, was brought to light yesterday in a report made to the police by a Chinese lady teacher, residing at No. 491, Shanghai Street, 2nd floor.

It appears that about 2.30 yesterday afternoon two men, one armed with a revolver, and the other with a dagger, entered her room and attempted to terrorise her. The young woman, aged 26 years, struggled with the intruders and was slightly wounded by the man armed with the dagger. In retaliation she bit the man's finger, and this seems to have taken all the courage out of both of them, for they decamped without more ado, and without stealing anything.

## SATURDAY'S MEETING IN CANTON.

## QUESTIONS OF HIGH POLICY ON THE AGENDA.

## FEARS OF TROUBLE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The idea prevails in some quarters that the meeting of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee in Canton on Saturday next will lead to trouble, and a few of the more timid politicians are leaving the City for the time being.

The Central Executive Committee will consider their future policy under three important headings.

- (1) Soviet-Kuomintang Alliance.
- (2) Anti-Imperialist Boycott.
- (3) Northern Expedition.

There will also be, it is expected, a hard struggle over the election of a chairman of the Council.

## THE THREAT TO KWANGTUNG.

The defeat of Bolshevism in Hunan, and the threatened invasion of Kwangtung from Hunan and Kiangsi have put the Kuomintang into a position of defence. Those who advocate a safe policy are urging General Chiang Kai Shek to join the cause of Marshal Wu Pei Fu.

The retreat of General Tang Seng Chi from Changsha shows that the "Reds" in Hunan are in a bad way, but Tang Seng Chi's agents have been unable to secure military assistance from Canton, although it is generally understood that reinforcements were at one time promised. Now the South-Western militarists—Ma Chi and Tse Min Ping are declaring their readiness to take the initiative and to lead an army or armies into Kwangtung.

## MR. HU HAN MIN.

Mr. Hu Han Min did not appear at the reception arranged in his honour at Canton and reports are now current that he has followed Mr. Wang Chung Wei's example and left Canton secretly. The latest report is that Mr. Wang is in Formosa but no one seems to know where Mr. Hu has taken up his residence.

The Strike Committee are preparing to resist any attempt that may be made to restrict their power. As already reported in the *Daily Press* they are organising a "picket fleet." Their procedure is simply one of confiscation. They seize private launches on the slightest pretext. Within the last few days four privately owned launches have been captured on the ground that they were used for importing "contraband" goods.

Replying to the "unfriendly" suggestion that the Kuomintang have brought about a reign of terror in Canton and other districts of Kwangtung, the Kuomintang organs point out that since May 1st only 31 people have been killed and 131 rickshaws smashed during faction fights in the City.

The fighting between Kuomintang troops and "anti-red" sympathisers around Wushek, which stopped for a time, broke out again on May 9th. The remnant of the Wushek market place was completely destroyed and it is reported that 100 soldiers and 310 villagers were killed.

Shakki, the birth place of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, is now without newspapers, on account of a strike of printers who are demanding higher wages, than the publishers will pay.

Upon the petition of the remaining few monks of the Buddhist Order in Canton, the Kuomintang has exempted the Wah Lum or Flowerly Temple at Sane Loi Shu Di, Canton City, from confiscation. This temple, in which may be found the famous 900 geni, was once the great attraction for foreign tourists to Canton. It is one of the oldest monasteries in South China.

## H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

## CLOSING ROUNDS.

The annual tournament of the Hongkong Cricket Club—the great lawn tennis fixture of the year—is fast drawing to a close. In most events the semi-final stage has now been reached.

While the standard of play has not, so far, been high, there have been many exciting and closely contested games, and the unusually large number of "upsets" has added interest to the competition. But there should be an improvement of play in the final rounds of the tournament as a whole for 1926 will not bear comparison with those held when Hancock, Niabet, Green and Ng Sze Kwong were in their prime.

The following is a short review of the Open Singles and Open Doubles Championships of the Colony, and the Club Championship, the main attractions in the programme.

## OPEN SINGLES.

With a record number of entrants, 61 in all, the absence of the holder, Capt. O'Callaghan, and the fortunate placing of Honda and Ng Sze Kwong in opposite halves, interest at the start was greater than usual.

Sewell drew first blood by defeating Redmond in the first round and since then the number of unexpected results have been many, including the defeats of Ho Ka Lun, Ng Sze Cheung, H. D. Rumjahn and A. E. Green in the second round and Tottenham in the third. Ng Sze Kwong's early withdrawal in the second round, which was a great disappointment to followers of the game, left the result more open.

The first and second round matches, with one or two exceptions, were not productive of play up to Championship standard. None of the new-comers, excepting Major Stevenson, Cornaby and Akiyama, had the ability or experience to make much of a show and in consequence the games in which they were engaged were insipid.

Better tennis was witnessed in the third and fourth rounds, and some exciting games were seen, but still the average standard fell below that of previous years. It remains to be seen whether the semi-final and final will bring an improvement.

The four competitors remaining in this event, are, Yew Man Tsun, T. Honda, S. A. Rumjahn and M. W. Lo.

(1)—Yew Man Tsun, who meets Honda in the top half semi-final, is the most experienced of the four. He was at his best some eight years ago, but one might almost say that he had to start his tennis career over again after a serious illness which kept him away from the courts for a long period. He re-entered the tournament in 1920 and has since been playing better each year. He took a set from Capt. O'Callaghan last year in the first round and he will give Honda plenty of trouble with his unique chops and remarkable ability in saving difficult shots.

(2)—T. Honda was the first man in six consecutive years to beat Ng Sze Kwong. He defeated him in 1924 when he won the Championship. Then, he lost it to Capt. O'Callaghan last year after a hard struggle. He is by far the cleverest player of the four remaining in the competition. He has lost only two other matches, since he came here in 1923, one to O. Rumjahn and the other to H. Snodgrass.

(3)—S. A. Rumjahn is the youngest and most erratic of the four players. He reaches the semi-final for the fourth consecutive year, and his supporters have great confidence that he will win this time. He is a good all round and very aggressive player.

(4)—M. W. Lo meets S. A. Rumjahn in the bottom half semi-final. The two met in 1923 when Lo won, after a magnificent match, by three sets to two. Another hard struggle is expected. Of the four players he is the most nervous, although he is not affected by the presence of spectators. He would have won the Championship on several occasions, but for Ng Sze Kwong who beat him in 1920, 1921, and 1922. He plays a very formidable game when in form.

## OPEN DOUBLES.

The play of Hancock and Redmond and H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn excepted the standard of the Open Doubles this year has fallen much below the standard of previous years. The Hancock brothers did remarkably well in beating two good pairs, but they failed to produce any high class play. The falling off may be due to some extent to the withdrawal of three of the best pairs in the lower half, viz., Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Cheung, Honda and Yoshida, and Tottenham and Humphreys. Whatever the reason the play of the others has been far below the average.

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## MISLEADING HIS "UNCLES."

## FURNISHING FALSE INFORMATION TO PAWNSHOPS.

Wong Fook, appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, charged with having, on drivers dates between January 10th and April 26th, furnished false information to Cheung Shi (assistant accountant at the Yau Cheung Pawn Shop in Canton Road) and to Tsoi Ng (accountant of the Wing Yick Pawn Shop in Reclamation Street).

A third charge was later preferred. The charges had reference to the pledging of different articles of clothing and one silver wrist watch. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Cheung Shi was the first witness called by the prosecution. He stated that at 10 a.m. on April 23rd defendant came and pawned a pair of trousers. He gave the name of Chung Ming, of 15, Shantung Street. A dollar was advanced on the trousers and a ticket was issued, number 1725.

Tsoi Ng testified that on January 29th defendant went to his shop and pawned a watch for one dollar. Defendant gave the name of Chai Heng, of No. 5, Battery Street. He was given a ticket, No. 1020.

The accountant of the Gin Hing Pawn Shop, in Reclamation Street, stated that, at 11 a.m. on April 2nd, defendant brought a jacket to pawn, asking for 50 cents. Fifty cents was offered and eventually defendant accepted 50 cents, giving the name of Chan Poh, of No. 240, Reclamation Street.

Defendant, in the witness-box, stated that his name actually is Wong Fook, his home being 221, Reclamation Street. He acknowledged no *alias*. He recognised the witnesses for the prosecution and admitted that he had visited their pawnshops and pledged the articles in question, to provide for his wife and son, four months old. He denied that he was ever asked his name and address and said that he had never looked at the name on the tickets, having no idea that a name and address was written on them. On one occasion when he had pawned articles he was living at 253, Reclamation Street. These were the first articles he had ever pawned!

Defendant was found guilty and sentenced to one month's hard labour to date from May 4th, the day of his arrest. The pledged goods were handed back to the pawnbrokers.

Detective-Sergeant R. Kennedy was in charge of the case. He explained to the Court that the prosecution had arisen out of a previous case of larceny, in which the guilty party had sworn that he had handed some of the spoil to Wong Fook.

Six pairs now remain in this event:—

(1)—Hancock and Redmond, who can best be described as the parent pair of the tournament, have won their way to the semi-final. Their total ages nearly reach the century. They are the most experienced pair in the tournament.

(2)—M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo who won the Championship in 1920 and have been partners each year since, will meet (3)—H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn who are the holders of the title. The winners will qualify to meet Redmond and Hancock. The Rumjahn play a very strong game together and are expected to win this event again.

(4)—E. Grimbale and A. S. Hett have done very well to reach the semi-final. Both are steady players.

(5)—L. Balines and G. Miskin, a persevering pair, will meet (6) Major Pratt and Major Stevenson in the third round. The winners will enter the semi-final to meet Grimbale and Hett. The military pair play a slow but sure game and should to reach the final.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

Some good matches are expected in the closing round of this event which is confined to members of the Hongkong Cricket Club.

S. E. Green, who has won this Championship more than once, has reached the semi-final without difficulty. Green, however, is getting on in years and he will find it hard work to defeat G. W. Sewell who meets him in the first semi-final match. It will probably be a question of endurance. The more long drawn out Sewell can make the match better will be his chances to win.

In the bottom half, R. E. Tottenham, R. M. Henderson and F. A. Redmond will decide who shall occupy one of the two semi-final positions. Major Stevenson will play E. D. Lawrence for the other position.

## NO MATCHES YESTERDAY.

On account of the rain, no matches were played yesterday, but, weather permitting, the following will be played to-day:—

## OPEN DOUBLES.

M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo v. H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn.

## CLUB SINGLES.

Major W. B. Stevenson v. E. D. Lawrence.

## HANDICAP SINGLES "A."

G. W. Sewell v. S. E. Green.

## HANDICAP SINGLES "B."

F. A. Redmond (over 15) v. D. J. Valentine (rec. 1/8).

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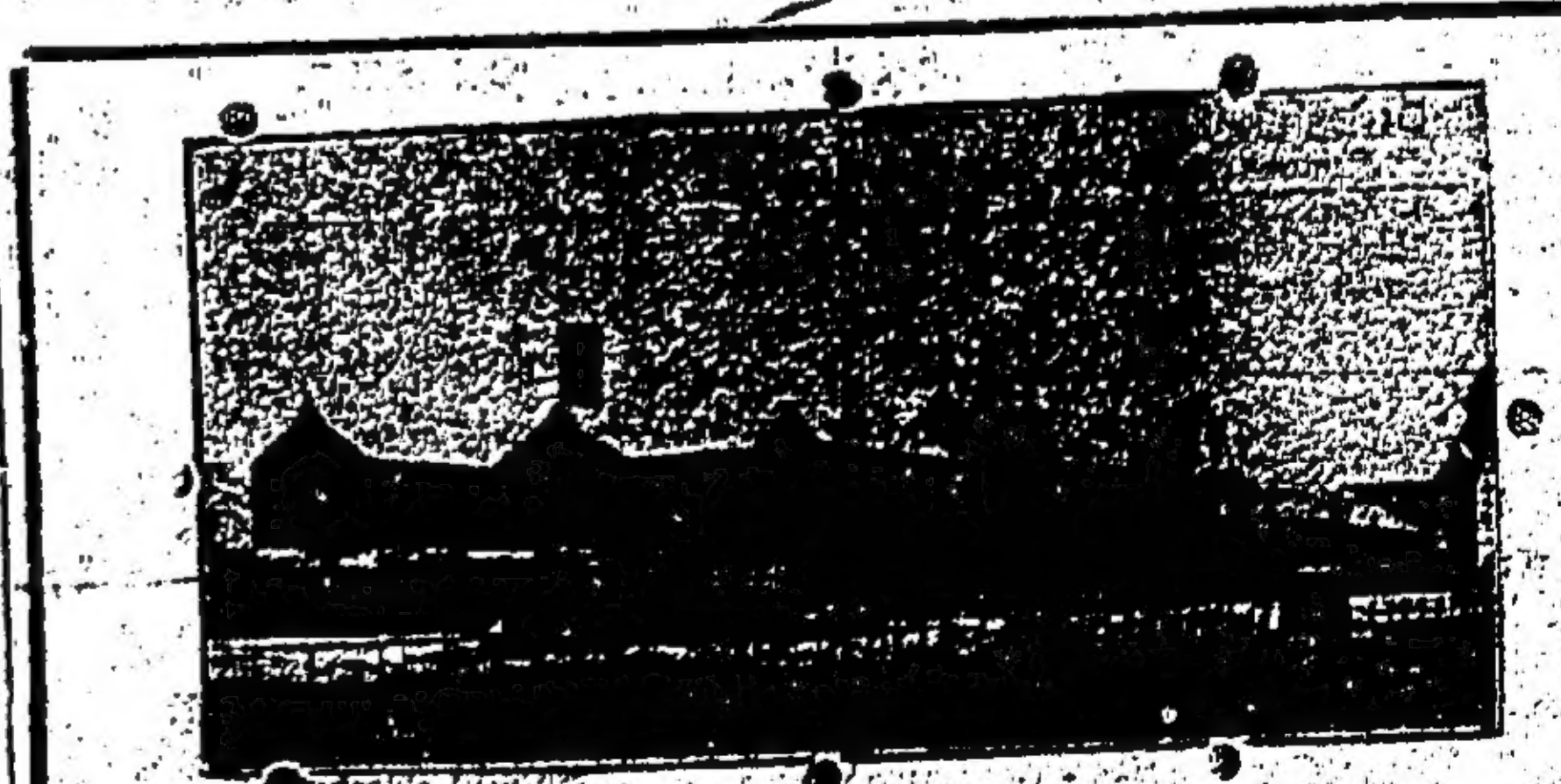
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## KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

## EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

**AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS** will be held at the Club House on TUESDAY, 25th MAY, 1926, at 6 p.m. Business—As posted on Notice Board in Club House. By Order, D. GOW, Hon. Secretary. [3544]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 17th day of May, 1926, at 2 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Shaikwan in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty's Lands, for one further term of 75 years.

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## HONGKONG &amp; TERRITORIAL ESTATES, LIMITED.

**THE SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS** in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, "St. George's" Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on THURSDAY, the 20th MAY, 1926, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the period ended 31st DECEMBER, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 11th MAY, 1926, until THURSDAY, the 20th MAY, 1926, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 10th May, 1926. [3542]

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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 13TH, 1926.

## OUTSIDE THE LAW.

The decision of Mr. Justice ARMOURY, in the Chancery Division of the London Law Courts, is one of which much will be heard during this generation. We may be sure that the Trade Unions will not accept his verdict in silence.

The rough common sense of the practical citizen of Great Britain led him to believe that, whatever might be the legal aspect, the so-called general strike was really an attack upon his rights as a citizen. At first the suddenness of the attack confused the issue. It required very little time, however, for legal minds to realise that the challenge thrown down by the Trade Union was, really, a challenge to the democratic system of Government by Parliament. Sir JOHN SIMON, one of the greatest authorities on constitutional affairs, has gone almost as far as to suggest that the general strike savours of conspiracy against the State. Lord OXFORD and ASQUITH, a great upholder of democratic ideals and a recognised legal authority, has insisted on the supreme power of Parliament. No one seems inclined to advance any serious answer to the arguments of Sir JOHN SIMON, Lord OXFORD, BALFOUR and

BIRKENHEAD and other defenders of the constitution.

KARL MARX was the founder of materialistic Socialism and there can be no doubt that his writings have had a profound effect upon trade unions. Briefly, he said that high profits (including interest and rent) cause low wages and low wages cause unemployment because the labourers cannot purchase enough goods to keep everyone at work. That was in 1847. Then followed the modern form of concerted attack upon the profits of capitalists. The decade 1850-1860 saw the commencement of the systematic organisation of strikes and boycotts, the restriction of output and the forcing of wages above the competitive level.

The real mistake of KARL MARX and humanitarianism, such as ROBERT OWEN and the intellectual Socialists is that they do not realise how incompetent labour is in management. A HENRY FORD, a KIRCHNER, a CARNEGIE, from the point of view of any business, is worth hundreds of ordinary men. He changes a moribund concern into a flourishing enterprise. These men come forward under the iron law of natural selection. Under such a law the fittest survive. In any industry where subordinates elect their own commanders, there is artificial selection.

The whole business comes to this. Who is to select the commanders of the industrial army? Surely not the wage earners who must obey their orders? It is, however, the claim of trade unionism of to-day that the wage earners shall elect their foremen and superintendents. Labourers are, however, as a class, incompetent to elect their own "bosses." Almost invariably they would elect a man who does not insist on discipline and efficiency. And the penalty of bankruptcy compels the owner to seek for efficiency.

There was a period of abundance which followed the introduction of machinery and steam power. ADAM SMITH and his school of theorists told us that the abundance was due to the triumph of individualism. Then came the alternations of depression and prosperity, its unemployment and its overemployment, its cut-throat competition and its class hatred. The Karl Marx theory was a world-wide revolution to be followed by universal acceptance of the principles of communism. If there is one thing certain in these uncertain times it is that communism cannot triumph in Britain.

The miners gained a great deal of sympathy from the general public, but the attempt of the Trades Union officials to compel the whole of the community to accept their *ipse dixit* has put the miner's case into the background. This super-authority, which placed itself above the properly elected Government of the country, had to be repudiated by any self-respecting voter who really understood the new challenge.

It now remains to be seen what will happen as a result of the decision given by the learned judge in the court. That it will lead to bitter recriminations cannot be doubted. That the Trade Unions will demand new legislation is certain. Perhaps that will be the real struggle. They have been granted great privileges in the past, but it is doubtful whether the community will ever consent to the idea that a complete paralysis of the nation's industry is anything but a conspiracy against the State. It seems fairly certain that the general strike will divide the country into two groups—those who wish to maintain the law upon which Mr. Justice ARMOURY has based his decision and those who wish to repeal it. If the latter should be in the majority there will be State Socialism with a vengeance. It is incredible that the British nation will agree to that.

A number of dog owners were each fined \$5 at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for keeping dogs without licences.

The police carried out a round-up of beggars in Hongkong on Tuesday. Fourteen were arrested and are being sent out of the Colony.

Mr. Kelly Sayce, of Beaconfield Arcade, reported to the police on Tuesday that someone had entered his residence and decamped with jewellery, valued at \$75.

A Chinese woman who attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour at Hungghom on Tuesday, was rescued and sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

There were two Chinese cases of small-pox and one death and two Chinese cases of diphtheria with one death during the week ended May 8th. There was one British case of diphtheria for the 24 hours ended May 11th.

The sale, by order of the mortgagees, of three lots of leasehold property at Nos. 140, 145, and 147, Robinson Road, which was to have taken place at Messrs. Lamert Brothers salesroom yesterday afternoon was cancelled.

A sanitary department cook absconded on Tuesday after hitting a coolie on the head with a basin. The coolie was sent to hospital. Another Chinese was sent to the Government Civil Hospital, following injuries received, whilst alighting from a moving tram-car.

Four hundred and twelve bags of mail were landed from the P. & O. s.s. *Malka* on her arrival in port from England via Suez yesterday morning. Of this total, 120 bags contained letters and papers from the United Kingdom, dated April 15th. There were in addition 96 bags of parcels from Home, dated April 8th.

The Hongkong Hotel, after the fire, are gradually getting back to normal, and yesterday the new reception office in the premises previously occupied by Messrs. Powell and Co., was opened. This is in Pedder Street, and it may not be known that the Company only a few days ago opened a bar and lounge in Des Vaux Road, next to the Hotel offices.

The new twin-screw motor vessel *Malayan Prince*, which is due to-day, will be berthed at buoy No. A3. The boat will only remain here for a short time, but visitors will be welcome on board, and for their convenience a regular launch service will be run between Blake Pier and the vessel from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The *Malayan Prince* which will inaugurate the Prince Line fast motor vessel service between U.S. Atlantic Coast Ports and the Far East is the first of five similar ships, the others being *Javanese Prince*, *Siamite Prince*, *Japanese Prince* and *Chinese Prince*.

## LOCAL WILL.

## OVERSEER LEAVES \$64,100.

Letters of administration of the personal estate of William Josiah Wilkinson, overseer, Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, and late of No. 25, Praya East, who died intestate on February 21st this year, have been granted to Dorian Maria Wilkinson, his Widow.

Deceased left net estate to the value of \$64,100.

## AN OBSERVANT EUROPEAN.

## OPIUM FIND IN SCHOOLBOY'S BASKETS.

Mr. W. Saunders, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., was responsible yesterday morning for the seizure of a quantity of opium valued at \$1,000, and the arrest of a Chinese, who will eventually be charged with possession.

Two schoolboys carrying school baskets, and accompanied by a man, were seen by Mr. Saunders in Flower Street. He noticed that the boys were continually changing the baskets from one hand to the other as though they were heavily laden. His suspicions aroused, he followed the boys and the man to Caine Road, and informed a constable. When the baskets were being searched, the man bolted, and was only captured by Mr. Saunders after a long chase.

A quantity of opium was found among the books in the boys' baskets, and a further quantity was found in the man's possession.

It appears that the boys were on their way to school, and agreed to carry the opium in their baskets, when the man offered them a few cents to buy sweets.



## STRIKE CALLED OFF.

T.U.C. CALL OFF GENERAL STOPPAGE TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS.

OFFICIAL VIEW—"THE TIDE HAS TURNED"—REALISED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

A LATE CABLE LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCED THAT THE GENERAL STRIKE AT HOME HAD BEEN CALLED OFF BY THE TRADE UNION CONGRESS. OTHER CABLES WHICH ARRIVED AT THE SAME TIME REVIEWED THE SITUATION IN BRITAIN, WHICH AGAIN SHOWED IMPROVEMENT IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES. THE OFFICIAL VIEW "THE TIDE HAS TURNED"—EXPRESSED EARLIER, HAS BEEN REALISED, BUT LATE LAST NIGHT NO CABLES WERE TO HAND TO SHOW ON WHAT BASIS A SETTLEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED.

LONDON, May 12th.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

## LIKELIHOOD OF STRIKE BEING CALLED OFF.

LONDON, May 12th. The impression is gaining ground that the strike will be called off this week. Following yesterday's prolonged deliberations within the Cabinet the Parliamentary Labour Party and the Trades Union Congress states that if a suitable basis is presented for the re-opening of negotiations, between the miners and coalowners there seems to be no reason for maintaining the strike.

The Government's attitude is unchanged. The withdrawal of the strike will be insisted on.

It is confirmed that Mr. Herbert Samuel is in contact with the miners and owners.

The *Times* in a leader says the strike has failed, and the nation thrown back upon itself is finding a means of self-preservation. The resources of the community directed by the Government are proving fully sufficient. The public are quick to realise that State transport could be accepted as a barometer of the strike's success or failure.

## EARLY CABLES.

LONDON, May 11th. An official communiqué says that the situation throughout the country shows a further improvement.

The distribution of food supplies given no cause for apprehension. The situation in the ports is entirely satisfactory and traders are growingly confident of their ability to move goods without direct assistance from the Government.

The distribution of petrol is proceeding more rapidly than in the previous period and there is no interruption in the power services.

Traffic on the railways is continuously increasing.

Order and quiet reigns over the whole island and practically no attempt at sabotage has been brought to the notice of the authorities.

The number of individuals returning to work is increasing, and considerable bodies of strikers have in some cases applied for reinstatement. On the contrary, however, there has hitherto been little sight of a general collapse of the strike, while the T.U.C. is believed to be making efforts to call out certain trades still working.

## PEACE MOVES.

LONDON, May 11th. There has been an important development to-night concerning earlier reports that tentative peace moves were progressing.

A special meeting of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress was hurriedly held this evening, and it was officially stated that the meeting was held with a view to still further exploring the position, in order, if possible, to open the door for resumed negotiations and to keep it open.

RESOLUTIONS FOR COMMONS. In the House of Commons, Sir John Simon announced his intention to put down on the Order Paper a resolution at an early date to ask the Commons to record the view that when the following three conditions are satisfied concurrently, the Government ought to announce its willingness for a short period to assist the coal industry:—

Firstly, the unqualified calling off of the general strike.

Secondly, the resumption of work in the coal industry at the old rates; and

Lastly, the spokesmen of the miners and coalowners to be required definitely to undertake to negotiate on the basis of the Coal Report without excluding anything therein.

## IMPORTANT MEETINGS.

LATER. There was great excitement in Eccleston Square this evening and as the news of a possible peace move spread rapidly a considerable crowd collected.

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress re-assembled at eight o'clock in the evening and were joined by the full Executive of the Miners' Federation. The Executive of the Labour Party was also sitting in the adjoining building. It was stated unofficially that a definite change in the situation was not likely to occur to-night and that whatever moves were being made were essentially of a preliminary character.

## MORE CONFERENCES.

LATER. Following a special Cabinet meeting in the House of Commons, lasting ninety minutes, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Churchill, Lord Birkenhead and other Cabinet members conferred till past midnight at 10, Downing Street.

In the meantime, the General Council of the T.U.C. with the Miners' Executive, had been sitting for two hours. Then the latter met the Executive of the Labour Party with which it conferred for over an hour.

It is believed that strong efforts are being made to induce the miners to agree to a basis on which negotiations might be re-opened. It is even possible that the Cabinet and T.U.C. Council will meet to-night.

LATER. The Miners' Executive met the T.U.C. Council, whom they left at 12.30 a.m. saying they were going home for the night.

Mr. Cook emerged whistling cheerfully. He told Reuter that the situation was unchanged.

The T.U.C. is sitting till one o'clock and is believed to desire to meet Mr. Baldwin in the forenoon.

## "THE TIDE HAS TURNED."

LATER. "Without undue optimism we may say the tide has turned."

This was the encouraging prelude to an announcement by a Government spokesman to a conference of journalists. He added that the daily trains now number 3,502 compared with 849 on May 11th.

The food situation in London and the Home Counties was easier, but large industries in the same area had closed down owing to lack of electrical power denied them by the action of certain local authorities, idling large bodies of men. Three boats are without molestation unloading in the London Docks. The dock area is quiet and violence is not expected from regular dockers.

As regards the south-western division, recruiting is proceeding with enthusiasm and over 24,000 volunteers have enrolled. The Peninsular and Orient s.s. Mantua was unloaded by non-union labour at Plymouth and the passengers were as normally sent to London by special train.

## UNION BOAST.

LATER. A Trades Union Congress communiqué states that as far as the engineers and shipbuilders are concerned no second strike call has yet been made, and any action which may be taken with regard to what is known as "the second line of defence" is being initiated by the various Unions locally without any direct instructions from the T.U.C. The communiqué adds that the men's morale is as great as ever.

## STOCK EXCHANGE OPTIMISTIC.

LATER. The Stock Exchange is optimistic and business to-day was increasing, with prices in practically all sections improving. Home rails were decidedly better.

The Shipping Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Walter Runciman, appointed by Government request by the Chamber of Shipping, states that the shipowners, working with Port authorities and in conjunction with other commercial interests concerned, can maintain a sufficient flow of all essential supplies through the ports, provided the present measures to protect willing workers are maintained and increased as need arises.

## OVERSEAS HELP.

LATER. The Trades Union Congress General Council states that it has received messages from American, Canadian and French labour federations, and the Austro-German Unions promising financial assistance.

It adds that a report has reached them that the Government has put an embargo on funds from foreign countries coming to the Trades Union Congress.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

## AMERICAN COMMUNISTS BUSY.

NEW YORK, May 11th.

Communists are distributing circulars urging seamen, longshoremen and marine workers to stand by the British miners, alleging that International financiers are planning an extensive shipment of coal to Britain from America and from other countries, and calling on American workers to join the workers of Germany, France, Mexico and Russia to checkmate such a move.

## AMERICAN GIFT.

LATER. The first financial assistance to aid the general strike in Britain from an American labour organisation consists of an initial gift of a thousand dollars sent to the T.U.C. Strike Fund by the United Cloth Cap Makers' Union. Meanwhile, the National Socialist Party at Chicago is appealing for similar contributions.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## COMMUNISM REJECTED.

AMSTERDAM, May 11th.

A joint meeting of the International Federation of Trade Unions and the International Socialist Labour Bureau has considered the latest communication from Moscow on the subject of a united front, and it has decided that the present moment is quite unsuited for discussions with the Communist party.

## MONEY FROM ABROAD PROHIBITED.

LONDON, May 12th.

A new Emergency Regulation has been issued empowering the Government to prohibit payment of money transmitted from abroad to the United Kingdom "for any purpose prejudicial to public safety or the life of the community."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## SOVIET CONDITIONS.

## CONSERVATIVE M.P.'S SUBMIT A REPORT.

LONDON, May 11th.

The party of Conservative M.P.'s headed by Sir F. Nelson, who have been visiting Russia, returned to London by aeroplane.

Sir F. Nelson, interviewed by Reuter, stated that a copy of the report on the visit had been handed to Mr. Baldwin and Sir Austen Chamberlain. It would not be published till after the strike, but it would make most impressive reading.

## DANISH AVIATORS.

## LIEUT. HERSCHELD ARRIVES AT CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA, May 11th.

Lieut. Herscheld, the companion of Lieut. Bodved, has arrived here.

## THE POLAR RACE.

## NORWEGIAN AIRSHIP EDIES OVER POLE.

NOMES (Alaska), May 12th.

Amundsen has wirelessed to the Norwegian Consul asking to have a hundred men ready to land down the Norge as he intends to refuel the airship after the Polar flight and send her to the United States by steamer.

The Norge crossed the North Pole at two this morning. Flying conditions were excellent.

## COUNTY CRICKET.

## LATEST RESULTS IN HOME MATCHES.

LONDON, May 11th.

Playing at Lords, Middlesex defeated Essex by four wickets. The scores were: Middlesex, 202 and 232 for six wickets. Essex, 248 and 155.

In Middlesex's first innings, Hendren scored 50, and in the second, Stevens was top scorer with 67.

For Essex, Freeman scored 69 and Russell 122, not out. In the second innings Freeman scored 60.

The bowling honours went to Durston, with five wickets for 57 runs and to Stevens, with five wickets for 81 runs.

## YORKSHIRE'S POINT.

Playing at Ilkerton, Yorkshire gained a first innings' advantage over Derbyshire. The scores were:—

Yorkshire, 170 and 133 for five wickets. Derbyshire, 109.

The only feature of the match was Macaulay's six wickets for 34 and Kilner's four for 28.

## NOTTS' LEAD SUSSEX.

Playing at Nottingham, Notts won on the first innings' against Sussex. The scores were:—

Notts, 238 and 73 for one wicket. Sussex, 195.

For Notts, George Gunn made 114, and for Sussex, Tate scored 63 and Williams 32.

Tate took five wickets for 71 runs and Larwood four for 45.

## MATCH ABANDONED.

The match between Gloucestershire and Lancashire, due to be played at Gloucester, had to be abandoned owing to rain. There was no play.

## THE AUSTRALIANS.

## MATCH WITH SURREY LEFT DRAWN.

LATER.

Play in the Australian v. Surrey match was continued to-day at the Oval, in the presence of 3,000 spectators. The weather was cold and overcast and the wicket was dead.

Surrey carried their innings to 285, the principal scores being Sandham 84 and Peach 30. Macartney took six wickets for 63 runs.

The Australians had replied with 74 runs for two wickets when stumps were drawn. The match was, therefore, left drawn.

## THE STRIKE PROBLEM.

ADELAIDE, May 11th.

In connection with the strike in Britain, the Australian Board of Control has cabled to Sydney Smith, the Manager of the Australian team, that the Board is of opinion that the advisability or otherwise of continuing the tour must be left with the Marylebone Club.

LONDON, May 12th.

To-day's match Cambridge University v. Sussex will be abandoned unless matters improve by the end of the week. The fixture against the Australians on May 19th will also be cancelled.

LONDON, May 12th.

Mr. Warner, Chairman of the Selection Committee, announces that Mr. Carr has been appointed Test Match Captain.

## DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

## BRITAIN EASILY DEFEATS POLAND.

LONDON, May 11th.

Playing at Harrogate, in the Davis Cup, Britain beat Poland by five events to nil.

In the doubles, Croft, Rees and C. H. Kingsley beat Steinert and Kleynadot 7-5, 6-4, 6-3.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

## NEW ROTORSHIP.

## NEW GERMAN VESSEL WEATHERS ATLANTIC STORM.

NEW YORK, May 11th.

The Baden-Baden *Flettners*, the new rotorship, has arrived from Hamburg. She successfully weathered a storm off Cape Hatteras.

## COUPLE AT VARIANCE.

## CHINESE OFFERS HIS WIFE \$400 TO LEAVE HIM.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was summoned for failing to provide reasonable maintenance for his wife.

Mr. M. K. Lo, who represented the complainant, said that the defendant had threatened to close up his business and go to Canton. He had offered his wife \$400 to leave him, and had even denied that he had married her. Moreover, he made certain allegations against her.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, for the defendant, suggested that the parties could come to an amicable settlement.

Mr. Lo replied that unless the defendant was prepared to withdraw his allegations, no such course would succeed.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the Magistrate, adjourned the case for a week, to see if a settlement could be reached.

## THIEF SENTENCED.

## CAR COVER STOLEN IN STATUE SQUARE.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, an unemployed Chinese pleaded guilty to stealing a water-proof bunnet cover from a car belonging to Mr. W. O. Lambert, Assistant Government Marine Surveyor. Defendant was arrested by a watchman, to whom he admitted having stolen the cover.

He was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

## HELP, NOT CHARITY.

## MR. MELLON ON AMERICAN WAR DEBT SETTLEMENTS.

## FINANCIAL POLICY TOWARD EUROPE.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24th.

America's war debt settlements with European nations were the most favourable that could be obtained short of force, Secretary Mellon declared here to-night in an address before the Union League Club.

Touching on the moral obligation to assist other peoples to clear away the wreckage of war, Mr. Mellon said, "We do owe this obligation and we will carry out this duty."

The administration believes in help and not charity, he continued, "and our financial policies toward Europe are backed not by sentiment, but by sense."

Mr. Mellon confined his remarks chiefly to a defence of the settlements so far made, but he called attention, also, to the negotiations which were pending with France, Greece and Yugoslavia, the only European nations which have not funded their debts.

If Europe is to be re-established on a sound basis, he declared, it must balance its budget, its war debts must be funded, and the American investor must intelligently and profitably invest his surplus capital abroad. All of this is taking place, he added, and financial reconstruction of Europe is in sight, with an improved and healthy market for this nation as the probable result.

"There is a surplus," he explained, "and to dispose of this surplus we must reach markets abroad which means having purchases abroad with money or credit to buy. If the exportable surplus cannot be disposed of abroad, then prices in this country will drop. We all need our best customers."

Referring to criticism that the debt settlements were too lenient, the secretary said he preferred to have solvent customers with prospects of a profitable business in the future, rather than force his customers into bankruptcy.

## GERMANY NOT DISARMED.

## HUGE ARMY IN TWO DAYS.

The German Army could be at pre-war strength at two days' notice, says the *Daily Mail's* Berlin correspondent. The activity of the "Steel Helmets" and kindred military organisations, under army officers, is creating alarm.

Even if the Republican organisations failed to answer the summons, Germany could muster 2,000,000 men, but the Reichsbanner, the greatest Republican organisation for young men, would bring the army to its old war strength.

Dr. Carl Mertens, alarmed, adds the correspondent, because he foresees the danger of an attempt to overthrow the republic.

Professor Forster is alarmed because of the danger of war. He asserts that the constantly reiterated phrase, "A totally disarmed Germany," is a lie.

## WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks by the Royal Observatory said:—

An anti-cyclone covers S.E. Manchuria and N. Japan. Depressions are situated over Tongking and S.E. China.

Local forecast:—S. or variable winds, moderate, overcast, occasional rain.



## MINERS AND THE COAL REPORT.

## REPLIES TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF ROYAL COMMISSION.

## STATEMENTS BY THE OWNERS AND THE MEN.

The statement of the miners on the Report of the Royal Commission was presented at the meeting between the Mining Association and the executive of the Miners' Federation on April 13th.

According to *The Times* the miners' statement was moderate enough to leave the way open to further negotiations. Its preamble was as follows: "The miners have carefully examined the Report of the Royal Commission. While they agree with a number of the suggestions made by the Commission, and welcome its statement that the industry must be reorganized, there are certain points on which the interpretation placed by the owners upon the recommendations of the Commission differs from that put upon them by the miners. They think it desirable, therefore, in view of the urgent need of a peaceful settlement, to state their attitude to the Commission's proposals, and in particular to emphasize that no settlement will be acceptable which does not provide at least a wage sufficient to enable the miners to secure a decent standard of living."

The detailed observations which follow are shown below, together with the recommendations and the statements previously made upon them by the owners.

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT ON THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—Before any sacrifices are asked from those engaged in the industry, it shall be definitely agreed between them that all practicable means for improving its organization and increasing its efficiency should be adopted, as speedily as the circumstances in each case allow. The measures to those ends which we consider practicable are stated in the preceding chapters of this Report, and will be summarized in the chapter that follows.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners for their part are prepared to do everything in their power to improve the organization and increase the efficiency of the industry. The action which they propose in regard to the various measures which the Commission suggest for their attention is indicated below.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners welcome the statement of the Commission that all practicable means for improving the organization of the industry must be adopted as speedily as possible. They have asked both the Government and the owners that schemes or plans to this effect shall be laid before them, but have so far received no definite answer. They note with satisfaction that the Commission endorses the necessity of a reorganization of the industry, to which the miners have repeatedly called attention in the past, and which has hitherto been denied by the owners.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—The owners should discontinue charging the miners as a body with deliberate attempts to destroy the prosperity of the industry, in order to compel its nationalization. It is possible that there may be a small number of individuals here and there who are animated by this idea, but we are convinced that the point is without substance.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners agree not to make such charges.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—The owners should also cease to countenance accusations against the miners of restriction of output. Here, again, there may be sporadic cases, and when the rates of pay for new classes of work are under discussion production may sometimes be purposely kept at a low level. But, viewing the effect upon the industry as a whole, this point is quite unimportant.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners agree not to countenance such general accusations.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—The miners on their part should cease to attach exaggerated weight to losses of output due to failures of the management to provide the colliers with proper supplies of tools, rails, timber or other requisites. Such cases undoubtedly occur from time to time, and a proportion of them are due to inefficient management. In particular places and on particular occasions an appreciable loss may be caused both to the colliery and to the workmen. But the effect upon output in general and upon wages is very small.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners agree that the Report of the Commission fairly states the case on this subject.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners note that the Commission has recognized there is no truth in these charges.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—The mineowners should not refuse to engage in discussions on a national footing with the Miners' Federation of Great Britain. All the principal industries of the country conduct negotiations between employers and employed on a national basis, and we can see no reason why the mining industry should be an exception. At the same time, the conditions imperatively require that there should be a large degree of flexibility in the wage rates of the different districts. The Miners' Federation should recognize this, without detriment to the broad policy that the general principles should be laid down nationally.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—Although the owners are strongly pressed upon the Commission as a point of fundamental importance their view that it was in the best interests of the industry that negotiations should in future be conducted on a purely district basis, they agree to accept this recommendation.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners agree with the report of the Commission re national negotiations, but desire to point out that the flexibility suggested is already too strongly in evidence in the basis and pre-war wages obtaining in the various districts, so that it does not require any variation in the minimum percentage to secure this flexibility.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—As the first step, accordingly, to the making of a new wages agreement, the Mining Association and the Miners' Federation should meet nationally. The procedure to be followed thereafter will depend upon the decisions then taken; it appears to us a reasonable course for the national conference to refer the question of minimum percentage and such other matters as they think appropriate to district associations to frame proposals. Those proposals would be submitted to the national conference for approval.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—In deference to the Commission's view the owners have accordingly already invited the miners' representatives to meet them nationally with a view to the formulation of a national wages agreement. They propose that the two sides should proceed at once to consider the general principles to be incorporated in the agreement, which would include the ratio between profits and wages, the details of the method of ascertainment and the definition of proceeds and of the items of costs of production. They further accept on basis of a minimum percentage on basis of rates in each district, and propose that the amount of this percentage and also (as hitherto) the amount of subsistence wages for the lower paid men should be referred to the district associations. They are prepared to agree that the amounts of the minimum percentages settled in the various districts should be submitted to the national conference for approval.

**RECOMMENDATIONS.**—Ownership of the Mineral. The error which was made in times past in allowing the ownership of the coal to fall into private hands should be retrieved. The mineral should be acquired by the State, by purchase where it has a market value, by declaration of State ownership in the case of unworked coal or coal at deep levels, which has now no market value. The coal of existing mines which are likely soon to cease working, and coal which is not now worked and is not likely to be developed in the future, should be excluded from the purchase. Safeguards should be adopted against excessive compensation claims. A Coal Commission should be appointed under the authority of the Secretary for Mines to acquire and administer the mineral property.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—Though the owners have expressed their view that this proposal will not help the industry, but will be gravely detrimental to it, they recognize that in view of the Government's declaration it becomes a question for Parliament to decide and not one that arises between the owners and workmen to discuss.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—Amalgamations of Existing Mines.—The amalgamation of many of the present small units of production is both desirable and practicable. This may often be effected from within, but in many cases it will only take place if outside assistance is given. Any general measure of compulsory amalgamation on arbitrary lines would be mischievous; the action to be taken should be elastic and should enable each case to be treated individually. The State as mineral owner will be able to promote desirable amalgamations when granting new leases or renewing old ones. Legislation should provide for a compulsory transfer of interests under existing leases where desirable amalgamations are prevented by the dissent of some of the parties or their unreasonable claims. Existing leases would not otherwise be affected.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners agree with the views expressed by the Commission that any general measure of compulsory amalgamation would be mischievous and that the best results are to be obtained where the initiative comes from the undertakings concerned. The owners note that the recommendations which the Commission make as to legislation is dealt with in the Government's declaration, and, as in the case of the proposal for the nationalization of minerals, with which it is connected, it does not arise for discussion between owners and workmen but becomes a question for Parliament.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—Failing nationalization of the industry, which they hold to be the policy most in accord with the public interest, the miners agree with the principle of amalgamations. They feel confident, however, that no such amalgamations will take place unless they are made compulsory after a Government enquiry has decided what amalgamations should be established. The miners therefore think that the Commission's Report is not sufficiently definite in character to achieve the object aimed at. They also desire to point out that where labour is displaced by reason of these amalgamations, provision should be made in such cases, as suggested by the Commission (see pages 290-1). "The Government should be ready to take all practicable measures for the assistance of any labour which may be displaced."

**RECOMMENDATION.**—Combination of Industries.—A closer connection of mining with the allied industries should be promoted. Highly technical questions are involved, affecting a number of industries, and not electricity alone. The development of electrical supply under the new proposals of the Government should be closely co-ordinated with the generation of electricity at the mines. The heat, power, and light requirements of the country should be under the constant and comprehensive survey of a body formed for the purpose. We propose for consideration the establishment of a National Fuel and Power Committee, with advisory powers composed of representatives nominated by the Government from among the official and other bodies concerned.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—Research.—The existing provision for research should be largely extended by the industry with the support of the State. It is urgently necessary that new methods for winning and utilizing coal should be sought for and found, if the prosperity of the industry is to be restored and a proper standard of wages and working conditions assured to the workers. If processes of low temperature carbonation were perfected, great national advantages would ensue, particularly through the production of a smokeless fuel for domestic and industrial use, and the provision of large supplies of mineral oil from the country's own resources. The State should give financial support to the further experiments, on a commercial scale, which are necessary.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners agree with the views expressed by the Commission on the connection of mining with the allied industries. The establishment of the proposed National Fuel and Power Committee is dealt with in the Government's declaration; and the owners will welcome any assistance which such a Committee can render.

The owners approve of the principle of extended research. They will welcome the co-operation of representatives of the workmen in this matter.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners agree with all the Commission says on the necessity of a closer connection between mining and allied industries and a large extension of research work. But they hold that provision should be made for the results of auxiliary industries being combined with the coal industry so that the enhanced values given to the industry as a whole may enter into the computation for the determination of miners' wages. Providing this method of including auxiliary industries is adopted, the miners will co-operate in this matter.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—Distribution.—The industry as a whole has so far failed to realize the benefits to be obtained by readiness to co-operate. Large financial advantages might be gained by the formation, in particular, of co-operative selling agencies. They are specially needed in the export trade.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners agree that any means which are practicable for obtaining the best prices possible for coal in the general interest should be adopted, and they will recommend that the districts shall give careful and immediate consideration to the measures which can best be taken to promote this object.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners agree with the Commission's recommendation as to the necessity of establishing co-operative selling agencies, and regret that no definite assurance has been given by the owners that such co-operative selling agencies would be established. They suggest that such agencies should be under the joint control of owners, workmen, and consumers.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—The Government should consider the establishment of an official system for the sampling and analysis of coal, with a view to encouraging selling on specification and guarantee, in both the home and the foreign markets.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners will welcome any assistance from the Government in this respect. If by setting up official stations for the sampling and analysis of coal at the ports or elsewhere it is possible to get results which will be accepted as final by buyers abroad the owners think a benefit will be conferred on the industry.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners agree with this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—Local authorities should be empowered to engage in the retail sale of coal.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—This is a matter for Parliament and does not arise for discussion between owners and workmen.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners have always advocated authorizing local authorities to engage in the retail sale of coal, and therefore, agree with the Commission's recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—We propose measures to secure the adoption of larger mineral wagons on the railways, and a greater concentration of ownership of wagons. A Standing Joint Committee of the Ministry of Transport and the Mines Department should be formed to promote these measures.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners note the Government's intimation that they will be prepared to constitute the proposed Standing Joint Committee of the Ministry of Transport and the Mines Department. They will welcome whatever assistance such a Committee can render in connection with proposals for increasing the efficiency of the transport of coal.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners agree with the recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—Labour.—The relations between employers and employed are of fundamental importance, and here also we are convinced that a number of changes are necessary. The principle on which the recent wage-agreements have been based is in our opinion sound, but amendments are needed in the method of ascertaining the proceeds of the industry for the fixing of wages. A large proportion of the coal is sold by the mines to associated industries, and the most important of these amendments relates to the prices at which these transfers are made.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners are prepared to consider with the workmen the transfer of machinery for the settlement of transfer prices which will leave no possible ground for doubt as to their fair value. They will also consider with the workmen the suggestions of the Commission, they desire further to say they will co-operate relating to certain details of costs of operation with the owners in giving effect production other than wages.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners agree with the recommendation of the Commission as to the necessity of amendment in ascertaining the proceeds of the industry, and also with the amendment relating to the method of fixing transfer prices; they desire further to say they will co-operate with the owners in giving effect to these suggestions.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—The standard length of the working day, which is now on the average 7½ hours underground, should remain unaltered. The optional re-distribution of hours within the present weekly total over a week of five days instead of six, should be considered. The multiple shift system should be extended.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—While remaining convinced that a return to longer working hours is imperative to restore prosperity to the industry, in face of the emphatic declaration of the miners' representatives that they will not entertain any suggestion in this direction the owners are anxious to consider with the miners the recommendations of the Commission that the definition of working time should be by the week instead of by the day, and that greater flexibility may be provided in the working hours. The owners accept the recommendation of the Commission in regard to multiple shifts.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners do not think that the suggestion of re-distributing the present total weekly hours over a week of five days, is practical, owing to the irregular time worked in the industry. With regard to multiple shifts, the miners are prepared to consider these in the light of possible future developments.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—Joint pit committees should be established generally.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners accept the view expressed by the Commission that voluntary action is more likely to promote a friendly spirit than the compulsion of an Act of Parliament, and they accordingly are prepared to agree that at each pit and that the constitution and functions of the committees shall be arranged nationally between them and the miners' representatives.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners welcome the Commission's recommendation in favour of the compulsory adoption of Part II. of the Mining Industry Act, 1920, in respect of pit committees, and regret that the owners are not prepared to accept this. They also welcome the Commission's suggestion that—based upon experience—greater statutory powers may be given to these committees in the future.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—The methods of payment of men not employed at the face should be revised where possible so as to give them a direct interest in output.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners accept this recommendation. The details of the methods to be adopted must necessarily be worked out pit by pit.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners are prepared to consider proposals to this effect, consistent with the maximum safety to life and limb.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—The introduction of a family allowance system, either nationally or by districts, is desirable. Pooling schemes should be adopted to prevent married men with families being prejudiced in obtaining employment.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—This is mainly a question for the workmen. The owners do not express any view adverse to the principle of family allowances. The matter would have to be dealt with district by district as part of the subsistence wage arrangements.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners are prepared to consider the question of family allowances, subject to a guaranteed week's minimum wage being established, but hold that the funds necessary to provide such allowances should be raised by means of a properly graduated system of taxation.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—Profit-sharing schemes providing for the distribution to the workmen of shares in the undertakings should be generally adopted in the industry, and should be made obligatory by statute.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners are cordially in agreement as to the desirability of associating the workers as closely as possible with the success of the individual undertaking in which they are employed. The best results will be achieved by discussion between owners and workmen of schemes suited to the particular circumstances of individual undertakings.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners are of opinion that this is primarily a matter for the Government and the owners. They will therefore give due consideration to any schemes suggested.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—For all new collieries a proper provision of houses for the workers should be a condition of the lease.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners are in favour of the provision of the best housing conditions that are practicable.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners agree with this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—The general establishment of pit-head baths is necessary. This should be undertaken by the existing Miners' Welfare Fund, which should be increased by a substantial contribution from royalties.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners accept this recommendation.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners agree with this recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION.**—When prosperity returns to the industry we consider that annual holidays with pay should be established.

**OWNERS' REPLY.**—The owners think that this is a matter which hardly demands immediate attention, but may be considered when prosperity returns to the industry. This is long overdue.

**MINERS' REPLY.**—The miners agree with the suggestion of the Commission regarding annual holidays with pay, as in their opinion this is long overdue.

## MINERS' INSISTENCE ON NATIONAL AGREEMENT.

The statement of the miners added:—

In conclusion, the miners desire to emphasize the statement of the Commission that the settlement, not merely of the principles on which wages are to be determined, but of minimum percentage, is a matter for national authorities, on the ground that, in the words of the Commission, "to give a free hand to each district to settle its own standard of living is to expose the standard of the more efficient and prosperous areas to the under-mining by the weaker areas, and open the door to cut-throat competition between different districts, at the expense of wages." In the miners' opinion, therefore, the two sides should, as early as possible, formulate a national agreement by means of which such a minimum percentage may be determined.



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